

Complex or Compound-Complex?

7c. A **complex sentence** contains one independent clause and at least one subordinate clause.

7d. A **compound-complex sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and at least one subordinate clause.

COMPLEX After she leaves school, Kiesha takes ice-skating lessons.

COMPOUND-COMPLEX After she leaves school, Kiesha takes ice-skating lessons, and she stays at the rink for two hours.

EXERCISE Identify each sentence by writing *CX* for *complex* or *CD-CX* for *compound-complex* on the line provided.

Example CD-CX 1. Kiesha never misses a practice, but she is occasionally late because the rink is so far from her home.

- _____ 1. When she was young, Kiesha roller-skated on sidewalks, and she begged for ice skates.
- _____ 2. Although she had never skated on ice before, she had watched ice-skating competitions on television.
- _____ 3. She dreamed about skating in competitions, yet she still needed ice skates before she could start lessons.
- _____ 4. Her parents could not afford skates, which were very expensive, but they encouraged her to earn money herself.
- _____ 5. Before the week was out, Kiesha had begun finding odd jobs that would pay a few dollars each.
- _____ 6. She saved almost every dollar, although it required perseverance.
- _____ 7. When she entered junior high school, Kiesha was skating in competitions, for she had bought her own skates.
- _____ 8. The skates were paid for, yet she continued working odd jobs because she now paid for her own lessons.
- _____ 9. After I heard Kiesha's story, I admired her.
- _____ 10. Although I can't and don't want to skate, I have learned a lot from Kiesha's story, and I will pursue my own dream.